

# A SPECIAL CENSUS IS COMING TO WEST DES MOINES!

Census takers (called enumerators) will soon be going door-to-door in your neighborhood to collect a few facts about each member of your household for the West Des Moines Special Census.

## Why a Special Census?

If Census results show that our population has increased, we'll be eligible to receive additional funds for road construction and maintenance projects.

## What questions will they ask?

Census workers will ask the name, age, gender and relationship of each person in your household. They also will ask about race and Hispanic origin, and whether you own or rent your home or apartment. All Census workers will carry a U.S. Census Bureau photo ID badge.

## Is my information confidential?

Yes! And the law applies whether or not you are a U.S. citizen. No one will ever be asked for other identifying information, such as your Social Security number or checking account/financial information.

## TEMPORARY SPECIAL CENSUS JOBS ARE AVAILABLE

The City of West Moines is recruiting about 300 residents to help with our Special Census.

Temporary jobs are available for Census takers, office staff and supervisors. Please visit our website at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov) to fill out our online Special Census Interest Form and the U.S. Census Bureau application (which you must print and drop off at City Hall, Suite 1A, 4200 Mills Civic Pkwy, West Des Moines). Paper copies of both documents also are available at City Hall.

You will be contacted just prior to the Special Census to take a job-related test to determine if you qualify for a Census job. If selected, you will be required to attend a training class and then given a work assignment that lasts approximately 3 to 8 weeks.

Census workers typically are paid \$13 to \$17 per hour, plus mileage and paid training. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and willing to work a minimum of 20 hours per week when residents are home, usually during evenings and weekends.

**When someone from the  
Census knocks on your  
door, please cooperate  
and answer their questions.**

*In our community,  
everyone counts!*



Questions? Contact McKinlee Ritter,  
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